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1. A Volkspolizei (VP) Bereitschaft of approximately 2,000 men was stationed at the former airfield of Burg (N 53/Y 81) on 22 May 1950, according to an informant. The unit was equipped with Soviet tanks which had been picked up at an unidentified place about four weeks ago. When moving to Burg, the tanks were driven by policemen but, for reasons of deception, Red Army soldiers squatted on the turrets.

2. [redacted] said that his unit had been stationed in the Wittenberg (N 52/E 37) area until recently. Driver's training with three T 34 tanks and several ammunition carriers, and infantry drill was given there.

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